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SUBJECT: LOPEZ RODO MEETING WITH SECRETARY SHULTZ

1. MINISTER LOPEZ RODO AND PARTY CALLED ON SECRETARY SHULTZ MAY 14. ALSO PRESENT WERE ACTING SECRETARY RUSH AND AMBASSADOR EBERLE.

2. SECRETARY SHULTZ EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESIDENT ASKED HIM TO INDICATE OUR CONCERN ABOUT SPANISH TRADE AGREEMENT WITH EC AND OUR INTENTION TO EXPLORE SOLUTIONS TO OUR PROBLEMS AT THIS TIME. THIS WAS TO BE DONE IN COOPERATIVE MANNER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OUR MUTUALITY OF BASIC INTERESTS.

3. SECRETARY SHULTZ FURTHER INDICATED OUR SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF SPAIN'S DESIRE TO ENTER COMMUNITY AND

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OUR SUPPORT FOR SUCH ENTRY. MINISTER LOPEZ RODO PRESENTED AIDE MEMOIRE DEALING WITH BILATERAL TRADE BALANCE, CHANGE IN PESETA- DOLLAR PARITY, SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS OF U. S. TRADE BILL, U. S. COMMITMENT TO CONSULT WITH SPAIN ON TRADE PROBLEMS , NEW SPANISH TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EC, BILATERAL COTTON TEXTILE AGREEMENT, AND U. S. PLANS FOR EXCESS MERCURY DISPOSAL. HE EMPHASIZED IN PARTICULAR THAT SPAIN WAS ALREADY ENTERING INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMON MARKET FOR NEW AGREEMENT WHICH THEY HOPED COULD BE CONCLUDED BEFORE END

OF YEAR. HE INDICATED THAT WE SHOULD LOOK ELSEWHERE TO WORK OUT OUR TRADE PROBLEMS BECAUSE U. S. HAD SURPLUS WITH SPAIN. SECRETARY SHULTZ ACKNOWLEDGED AIDE MEMOIRE BUT POINTED OUT THAT WE LOOKED AT TRADE SITUATION IN MULTILATERAL TERMS AND NOT NECESSARILY IN BILATERAL TERMS.

4. AMBASSADOR EBERLE SAID THAT WE WOULD BE PROCEEDING TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS WITH SPAIN PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXIII AND THAT WE HOPED THAT WE COULD KEEP THESE CONSULTATIONS ON VERY INFORMAL BASIS. MR. EBERLE ALSO INDICATED THAT WE WOULD BE DISCUSSING WITH EC AS WELL AS ISRAEL POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO REMEDY IMPAIRMENT TO OUR TRADE. RUSH

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